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Honorable Kiyo A. Matsumoto  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Room N406  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: **U.S. v. Joseph Marra**  
**11 Cr. 635 (KAM)**  
**Letter seeking to withdraw defendant's recent**  
**letter to the Court deemed a "Sentencing**  
**Memorandum"**

Dear Judge Matsumoto;

Please be advised that the undersigned attorney represents Joseph Marra and has represented Mr. Mara since his arrest and arraignment herein.

On behalf of Mr. Marra, I seek to address a letter which was sent to the Court by him. Said letter has been characterized as Mr. Marra's "Sentencing Memorandum" - as per ECF posting.

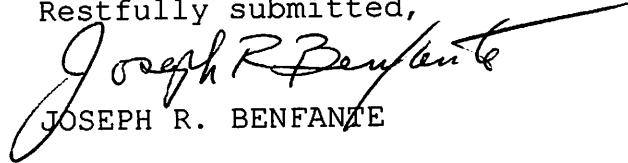
Yesterday I visited Mr. Marra at the MDC, whereby Mr. Marra explained that a "Jail House" lawyer, who upon information and belief meets with inmates at the MDC law library - urged him incorrectly to write said letter. Consequently, Mr. Marra mistakenly sent said letter relevant to a guideline issue, which clearly does not pertain to this case.

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Accordingly, Mr. Marra hereby seeks to withdraw said letter presently deemed a "Sentencing Memorandum". As his retained counsel, I shall continue to act as attorney on his behalf on all matters, specifically matters concerning his upcoming sentencing.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: A.U.S.A. Alon Lifshitz